A hunger for power

By William L. Trimyer
Hunger For Power
Lesson for June 20, 1982
Bible Study Passages: Mark 10:35-45; Luke 9:51-55

INTRODUCTION

Ambition is not altogether a bad characteristic to possess. Without ambition goals would not be met or achievements realized. Some people are extremely ambitious and will plan their work and work their plan. These will stick to the task until they reach the end. The rewards are well earned for their ambitious efforts.

There are others, however, whose ambition takes the form of hunger for power. Such persons use and misuse others to get what they want. Their selfishness and greed eliminates any regard for other people on their way to the top.

Power hungry nations seek to lord it over the weaker nations in order to gain superior strength. Businesses compete to gain the consumer market, sometimes to the detriment of the small business. Professionals at every level compete for clients and patients, sometimes losing sight of the persons they are there to serve. Last and not least, churches are sometimes terribly competitive, competing against one another for numbers and dollars. Our lesson this week focuses upon the ambitions of two disciples, James and John.

Ambitious Brothers [Mark 10:35-45]

The disciples were sometimes guilty of wanting to wrong kind of power. Instead of seeking the "power of the spirit," they would occasionaly talk in terms of political or military power. James and John were two brothers who believed in Jesus and spent time in the "inner circle" of his relationships.

Their request sounds a little like the games that are played in modern politics, that is, jockeying for certain positions in order to gain greater power. Perhaps what we are hearing is the sibling competition between two brothers who know they can't occupy the central position but will settle for a place on either side.

The answer Jesus gives was probably disappointing. He says to them that such a gift is not necessarily his to give, but that they must await his heavenly Father's decision concerning rewards for service.

Certain people either openly or secretively believe they should recieve special honors for their ambitions and labors. Jesus is quick to tell his disciples that God rewards those who render service to others. Jesus also support his answer by pointing to his own life as an example.

Angry Brothers [Luke 9:51-55]

We know well the issues raised by prejudice and hatred for persons of other races. The disciples were sometimes quick to prejudge those who were different from themselves. Sometimes our Christian view is a narrowly restricting one, that is, we see only those who come close to our way of thinking and living.

Jesus labored to teach the disciples the way of love and acceptance. By going to villages where Samaritans lived he showed compassion and openness. Jesus was a savior to the people...all people, regardless of class or color. We sinfully restrict his compassion with our notions of prejudice. The gospel cannot be spread throughout the world so long as prejudice exists in our hearts.

When the Samaritans refused to accept Jesus, James and John were ready to call down fire from heaven in order to teach them a lesson. We know, however, that force is not the way to bring about change or to teach lessons. Violence is not the answer to those who disagree with us. Whenever we resort to violence, we reveal our lack of understanding of the nonviolent Christ we serve.

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Times-Virginian Church News

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH honored its graduates on Sunday morning, June 6 with a breakfast at the church. Rev. Wesley Williams of Rocks church was guest speaker. Each member received a gift. Pictured above - front row left to right: Jane Harding, Cheryl Davis and Patti Stratton. Back row: Ronald W. Carter, James G. Gilliam and Thomas A. Gilliam, all graduating from Appomattox County High School. Not pictured: Robert Dyess, West Point and Ronald Collins, ACHS.

Mt. Shiloh congregation hears services

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1.

The Rev. Yuille was on vacation and the Rev. H. O. Flood delivered an inspiring messge for morning worship. The choir sang beautiful songs of praises and Mrs. Vanessa Ferguson extended echoes of welcome. The Last Supper was instituted following the service.

Deacon Board meeting will be held on June 19, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. and church meeting will be held on June 26, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. Members are asked to attend.

The annual Men's Day program will be held on June 20, 1982 at 3 p.m. the Rev. Edward Austin will be the guest speaker.

Thought for the day, shared by Rev. Yuille

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The Chancellor Choir will celebrate their first anniversary on Sunday, June 20, at 3:00 p.m. Various choirs from several other churches have been invited. We invite each and everyone to attend.

Congratulations go out to our 1982 graduates, Cornelius Davis, David Hancock, and Zina Burns who graduated from Appomattox County High School, Mable Hamlette from William Campbell High School and Rev. Albert Davis who received his masters from UVA.

Bible school set

Hebron Baptist Church will be conducting Vacation Bible School during the week of June 21-25, beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Classes will be provided for nursery through adult.

Bible study, music, crafts, recreation and refreshments will be included in each night's activities.

On Sunday, June 20, at 6:00 p.m. a covered-dish picnic will kick off the week's program. Commencement exercises will be held on June 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone in the community is invited to share in these times of study and fellowship.

Zion Baptist news

The Lord is my Shepherd.

You are cordially invited to attend regular preaching services at Zion Baptist Church this Sunday, Father's Day.

The Ladies' Aid Group met Sunday at 2 p.m. Mrs. G. W. Wiggins called the metting to order. Miss Barbara Hunter was in charge of the devotion. Mrs. Alma Robertson, recording secretary, took minutes. The meeting was adjourned to meet in July.

The Senior Usher's Board observed its 26th anniversary at 4 p.m. with the Echoes of Glory as special guests. Mrs. Mattie Lawson served as MC. The event was a success.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Blanch Glover. Our community's sick are improving.

Mr. Henry Calloway is still in the hospital in Farmville.

You are cordially invited to attend the Vacation Bible School held at the Zion Baptist Church each evening from 6-8 p.m., starting on June 21.

Services slated

Regular preaching services will be held at Galilee this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor will deliver the message.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., the Youth Services Singers will sing at White Oak Grove Baptist Church and Promise Land.

The semi-annual session of the East and Westbound Sunday School Union met with Mt. Pleasant on the 5th Sunday in June. The session was enjoyed by all. The next session will meet with the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church on the 5th Sunday in October.

The Jets Unlimited presented an enjoyable concert at Promise Land this past Sunday at 3 p.m.

Have a pleasant week and God bless.

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Mrs. Jerry Thomas Womack

Mrs. Sherman E. Hamlette

Bryant, Womack wed

The marriage of Miss Lisa Dawn Bryant to Mr. Jerry Thomas Womack took place Saturday, June 5, at 3:00 in the afternoon, at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Darlington Heights, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Harding Bryant, of Cullen. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryland Womack, and the grandsog of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanders, all of Pamplin.

The Reverend George Harris, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Karen Gibson, of Cullen, presented a program of piano music and also joined Miss Cammy Wilson, of Norfolk, on 2 duets.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a floor length gown of silk organza with an empire waistline and Victorian style neckline, trimmed with Alencon lace and sequins. The long lace sleeves ended with a ruffle over the hand. A satin bow with streamers enhanced the bodice back with a wide lace-trimmed ruffle attached to the skirt forming a Chapel-length train. Her bridal hat, lace appliqued, to match her gown, was trimmed with seed pearls and nylon netting and a flower of silk organza. She carried a bouquet of lavendar and white roses, white carnations, and daisies, with a topch of baby's breath and fern.

Mrs. Bonnie Peery, of Concord, was her sister's matron of honor. She wore a floor length gown of floral sheer organza lined with an off-white taffeta with a satin ribbon sash. Her matching hat was also trimmed with a satin ribbon. She carried a hand bouquet of lavendar and off-white cymbidiums, baby's breath, and fern.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Wanda Duffy, of Keysville, Mrs. Betty Richardson, of Pamplin, both sisters of the bride, Mrs. Tammy Glenn, of Farmville, sister of the groom, Mrs. Sheila Fears, of Pamplin, Mrs. Susan Marshall, of Richmond, and Miss Connie Atkins, of Lynchburg, all friends of the bride. They wore lavendar dresses and hats identical to that of the honor attendant and carried similar hand bouquets.

Mr. Womack served as his son's best man. Ushers were Mr. Twyman Glenn, of Farmville, brother-in-law of the groom, Mr. Carlton Womack, of Evergreen, cousin of the groom, Mr. Ricky Simmons, of Prospect, Mr. Gary Baker and Mr. Steve Baker, both of Evergreen, and Mr. Randy Hipps, of Pamplin, all friends of the groom.

Little Miss Tory Lacks, of Charlotte Court House, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. She wore a floor length gown identical to that of the honor attendant.

Master Joey Womack, of Evergreen, cousin of the groom, was ring-bearer. He was dressed in white and lavendar.

Miss Shannon Lacks, of Charlotte Court House, cousin of the bride, was train bearer. She wore a floor length gown of white dotted swiss.

The mother of the bride wore a dusty rose floor length gown with a sheer waist-length jacket. The mother of the groom wore a pink floor length gown. They both wore corsages of double white carnations.

Mrs. Crawford Davidson, of Appomattox, and Mrs. Scott Garrison, of Madisonville, were chosen as Mistresses of Ceremony.

Mrs. Judy Black, of Farmville, friend of the bride, presided at the guest register. She also handed out programs to the guests as they arrived.

Immediately following the ceremony, the parents of the bride entertained the guest with a reception on the church grounds. Mr. Ric Peters and Mr. Tom Peters provided guitar music for the guests.

Mr. Robert Earl Pankey was chosen as photographer for the occasion.

After a wedding trip to the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, the couple will make their home in Cullen, Virginia.

photo by Robert Pankey
Lisa Virginia Moore

Moore to wed Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Moore of Appomattox proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Virginia, to Mr. Charlie W. Miller, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Miller of Asheboro, North Carolina.

Lisa is a 1980 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is currently a junior at Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Chuck is a 1978 graduate of Asheboro High School and a 1982 graduate of Wake Forest University. He is currently a sales manager for A. L. Williams and Associates.

The wedding is set for two o'clock on August seventh at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church with the reception immediately following at Eldon, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Tyler. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Social News

Gail Moore of Annandale visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Moore of Concord recently.

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Nancy Beale is a patient in the Medical College Hospital in Richmond.

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Mrs. Cliff Plunkett, (Louise), attended the reunion of the Class of 1932 of E. C. Glass High School on June 11 at the Boonsboro Country Club.

One of 213 students graduating in 1932 she was the former Willie Louise Morris.

Class president, John Leys, was master of ceremonies at the banquet.

Davis, Hamlette wed

The marriage of Hazel JoAnn Davis to Sherman Errone Hamlette took place Saturday, June 12 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Red House, Va. with the Rev. James Cabell officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Savannah Davis and the late Hubert Davis of Phenix, Va.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hamlette of Brookneal, Va.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, William Davis of Phenix, Va.

Mrs. Audrey Randall of Alexandria, Va. was matron of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Martha Malone of Appomattox, Miss Marilyn Randolph, Phenix, Va., cousin of the bride, Miss Terra Hamlette, Brookneal, Va., sister of the groom, Miss Tywanda Hamlett, Brookneal, Va.

Mr. Anthony Wilkes of Brookneal, Va. was best man. Other ushers were Jesse Hamlette, Donald Hamlette, Ronald Hamlette, all of Brookneal and brothers of the groom. Mr. Charlie Davis, Phenix, Va. brother of the bride.

Miss Sheena Randolph, cousin of the bride was flower girl. Mr. Quentin Davis, nephew of the bride was ring bearer.

The bride attended Randolph-Henry High School and is employed by Burlington Industries, Brookneal, Va.

The groom attended William Campbell High School and is employed by Babcock and Wilcox, Mt. Athos Road, Lynchburg, Va.

The couple will live in Brookneal, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. "Pete" Clark

Celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James L. "Pete" Clark of Appomattox were honored with a celebration by their children to honor their parents twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 6, 1982 at the Woodmen of the World building, Harrell Street, Appomattox.

Pete and Peggy were married on June 8, 1957 and are the parents of three daughters, Cindy Clark, Ms. Lisa Clark of Appomattox and Mrs. Jeanette C. Moore of Concord, Va.

Sharon A. Doss

Doss, Watson to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Doss of Gladstone announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon A. Doss, to Marshall A. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Watson of Appomattox.

Miss Doss is a 1981 graduate of Appomattox County High School and now employed by Continental Stone and Tile, Inc. of Gladstone, Va.

Mr. Watson is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School and now employed by International Circuit Technology, of Lynchburg, Va.

The wedding is planned for July 7.

Date set

The marriage of Miss Shelby, Jean Dunnam to Mr. James Frederick Mitchell will be an event of June 26, 1982 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening.

Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Little Miss winners announced

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Miss Lina Trent was mistress of ceremonies and entertainment was provided by Charlene Lawson and Debbie Rush.

Named "Little Miss Appomattox 1982" was Kristy Gennelle Page. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Page of Pamplin.

Miss Angela Carol Thompson was named "Young Miss Appomattox of 1982." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Thompson of Appomattox.

Special guests of the pageant were: "Little Miss Brookneal," Dana Thompson; "Pre-Teen Miss Virginia," Valerie Guill; "Little Miss Appomattox 1981," Shannon Jamerson and "Young Miss Appomattox 1981," Julie Youngblood.

"Little Miss" runner-ups are: 1st.-Chantay Tamisha Tanner; 2nd.-Jamie Michelle Marks; 3rd.-Robyn Lynette Jones; 4th.-Jennifer Michelle Scruggs.

"Young Miss" runner-ups are: 1st.-Shana Lynn Harvey; 2nd.-Robin Dowdy; 3rd.-Patricia Lynn Richardson; 4th.-Susan Elizabeth Linkous.

Special awards in Little Miss group are: Miss Photogenic-Rachel Annette Franklyn; Miss Sportswear-Kristy Gennelle Page; Miss Partygown-Marjorie Mae Covington. Special awards in Young Miss group are: Miss Photogenic-Angela Carol Thompson; Miss Sportswear-Angela Carol Thompson; Miss Partygown-Angela Carol Thompson. Little Miss girls awarded "Princesses" are: Shelly Bryant, Rosalind Annett Cashwell, Marjorie Mae Covington, Rachel Annette Franklin, Amena Johnson, Robin Irene Martin, Tracy Ann Miller, Jamie Sandifer, Contadina Agnes Thompson, Sylvia Dawn Watts, Jody Lynn Youngblood.

Young Miss girls awarded "Princesses" are: Theresa Ann Cobb, Michelle Rose Cobb, Lori Anne Harris, Robin Denise Mann, Kristie Lynn Matthews, Peggy Marie Mayberry, Wendy Ann Mayberry, Debra Carol Richardson, Deborah Ann Riley, Carmenlita Maria Thornton, Angela Christine Winans

Sandra Kay Odgen
William Lewis Mays

Odgen, Mays to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Odgen of Rustburg announce the engagement of their daugher, Sandra Kay Ogden to William Lewis Mays of Bedford.

Miss Odgen is a graduate of Rustburg High School and is employed by Armstrong Furniture in Appomattox. Mr. Mays attended Jefferson Forest High School and is employed by Lee Jack Dairy Farm in Bedford.

The wedding date is set for June 25, 1982.

Young Hearts slate meeting

The Young Hearts Club will meet on June 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church.

Members are asked to bring their musical instruments and lunch; beverages will be served.

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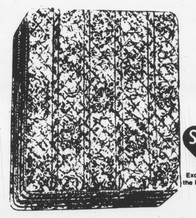

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